[Ibuki Satsuki's Comic Collection]

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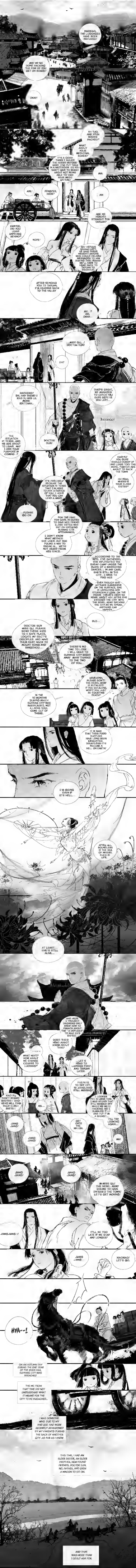
XIAOXIAO, THE LUGGAGES HAVE BEEN SECURED!
MN! WE'RE DONE PACKING THE FEW OF YOU GET ON BOARD!
OKAY!
AH-TUO, ARE YOUR BOOKS PACKED?
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MEDICINAL BOXES?
IT'S A GOOD THING I BOILED THE HERBS BEFORE HAND I'VE PUT THEM IN A WATERSKIN SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO TAKE YOUR MEDS ON TIME!
MM.
AYE!
FENG'ER, HERE!
MN
ARE WE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR TAIYUAN?
XIAN'ER, DID YOU LEAVE ANYTHING BEHIND?
NOPE!
MN! BEFORE QIUHAO LEFT, HE SAID THERE WEREN'T ANYONE WHO COULD DELIVER MESSAGES TO HIM DURING THIS PERIOD WE'LL HAVE TO HEAD BACK TO TAIYUAN TO REGROUP
AFTER SENDING YOU TO TAIYUAN, I'M HEADING BACK TO THE VALLEY
AH ? OH, OKAY
MISS QU ! DOCTOR SUN!
EH?
DAOHENG? EH, AND THERE'S XIAO YU AND LIL MONK XINGZHAN..
THAT'S GREAT, WE MANAGED TO CATCH YOU GUYS BEFORE YOU LEFT...
XIAOXIAO!
THE SITUATION IS TENSE, AND WE ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE MAY I ASK YOUR PURPOSE IN COMING..?
DOCTOR SUN!
XIAO YU! YOU GUYS SHOULD HURRY UP AND LEAVE TOO! THE REBEL FORCES ARE ABOUT TO SACK THE TOWN
OH YEAH, WHERE'S YOUR ELDER SISTER?
IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE THE SITUATION IS TENSE THAT I'M HERE TO ASK A FAVOUR OF YOU I HOPE THAT YOU CAN LEND A HAND
PLEASE GO ON
FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS, IN ORDER TO SAVE HER FRIEND ELDER SISTER WAS SET ON ENTERING SUIYANG CITY AFTERWARDS,
I DON'T KNOW WHAT METHOD SHE USED BUT SHE FOUND A WAY TO SNEAK IN WE'VE NOT HEARD FROM HER SINCE...
ACCORDING TO THE INTEL I'VE GATHERED, SHE INFILTRATED THE ENEMY CAMP UNDER THE GUISE OF A WANDERING DANCER.. IN ANY CASE, SHE'S STILL IN THE CITY I HAVE TO FIND HER
EVEN THOUGH SHE APPEARS SUBMISSIVE ON THE SURFACE, SHE IS UNYIELDING AND STUBBORNLY LOYAL ON THE INSIDE THERE'S BEEN NO NEWS ABOUT HER AFTER SHE ENTERED THE CITY WITH THE REBEL ARMY SACKING THE CITY AS WE SPEAK, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN...
BUT...
DOCTOR SUN MISS QU PLEASE SEND THESE KIDS TO A SAFE PLACE, LOCATE MY SECT'S DISCIPLES AND HAVE THEM SENT BACK TO MOUNT SONG AND YANGZHOU
THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE I WILL HEAD TO SUIYANG CITY RIGHT AWAY MANY THANKS TO THE TWO OF YOU.
REVEREND, PLEASE DON'T! THE REBEL ARMY IS RUTHLESS IF YOU GO ALONE, WON'T YOU JUST BE COURTING DEATH?
IN THE 10 MONTHS DURING WHICH SUIYANG CITY WAS BARRICADED, NOT A LIVING SOUL CAME OUT OF THERE.
IT IS SAID THAT THEIR FOOD SUPPLIES HAVE LONG BEEN EXHAUSTED. DOUBTLESS IT'S BECOME A HELL ON EARTH!
I'M GOING EVEN IF IT'S HELL...
AFTER ALL, BOUNDLESS IS THE SEA OF MISERY, SUCH IS LIFE.
AT LEAST... SHE'S STILL ALIVE...
AND HERE I THOUGHT DAOHENG ONLY KNEW HOW TO PREACH ABOUT THE "3 REFUGES" TO XIAO YU'S SISTER
DOES THEIR HEAD ABBOT KNOW ABOUT THIS?
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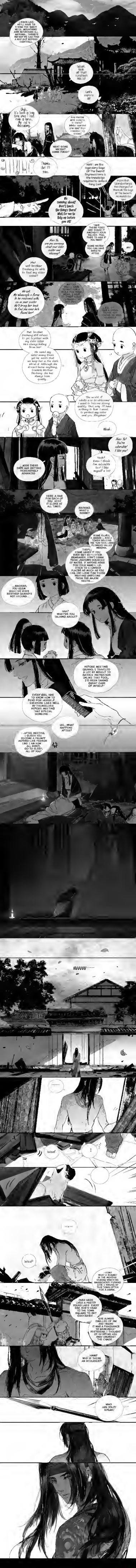
WHAT NEXT? HOW ABOUT WE CHANGE COURSE TO LUOYANG?
...LET'S HEAD TO LUOYANG FIRST, AND TAIYUAN LATER.
PREPARE TO SET OFF. IS JIANGJIANG STILL MISSING?
XIAO YU, DON'T WORRY. BROTHER DAOHENG WILL FIND YOUR ELDER SISTER!
MN...
I LOOKED FOR A LONG TIME. I WAS AFRAID THAT IT'LL WANDER OFF WHILE WE WERE PACKING, SO I BUNDLED IT UP AND PUT IT IN A BASKET...
I'LL TRY LOOKING AGAIN...
JIANG JIANG!
GET ONTO THE WAGON.
JIANG JIANG!
MN!
JIANG JIANG!
JIANG JIANG!
M-MISS QU! THE REBEL ARMY SEEMS TO HAVE ENTERED THE TOWN! LET'S GET MOVING!
JIANGJIANG—!
IT'LL BE TOO LATE IF WE STAY ANY LONGER!
JIANG JIANG
XIAOXIAO! LET'S GO.
HYA--!
ON AN AUTUMN DAY DURING THE 2ND YEAR OF THE ZHIDE ERA, SUIYANG CITY WAS BREACHED
THE ME FROM THAT TIME DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANT FOR THE CITY TO BE BREACHED...
I WAS SOMEONE WHO DUE TO MY BAD LEG HAD BEEN RECENTLY ABANDONED BY MY PARENTS DURING THE SACK OF ANOTHER CITY. AS FAR AS I KNEW
THIS TIME, I HAD AN ELDER SISTER, AN ELDER BROTHER, NEW FOUND FRIENDS, DOCTOR SUN, NO, FATHER, AND EVEN A WAGON TO SIT ON.
AND THAT WAS MORE THAN I COULD ASK FOR.


LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO SPEND THE NIGHT HERE. MOUNTAINS AND MOUNTAINS ALL AROUND... THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN FIND A WAY OUT BEFORE NIGHTFALL.
Woah, look at that rundown house!
Let's explore it!
Urgh... It's been a long time since I last rode a horse... My soul is dissipating...
Any martial arts experts in there? White bearded grandpa! Big-breasted big sister!
WANT SOME WATER? SOME FOOD?
Thanks... But I'll pass...
Heh! I am the legendary Sage Of The Sword! Engraved here is the knowledge required to defeat Fang Can!
Impossibuh. Grandpa Fang is the strongest of them all! The Sage Of The Sword is no match for him!
No running about! Don't touch the things there! Wait for me to tidy up before you sit!
TAKE THESE FOOD AND SHARE IT AMONGST YOURSELVES. FEEL FREE TO ASK IF YOU WANT
SOME WATER! YOU CAN HAVE SWEETS AFTER
Mn!
Xiao Yu, are you worrying about your elder sister and shixiong?
Mn! will brother Dasheng be able to find my elder sister?
AH JO YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR A WHILE FOR YOUR MEAL. I HAVE TO START A FIRE TO WARM IT UP FOR YOU
He will. My shixiong's a force to be reckoned with, as is your sister. He'll bring her back to find you once he's found her!
I'LL DO. TAKE A BREAK. YOU'RE NOT LOOKING SO WELL YOURSELF
But brother Dasheng still refuses to get together with my elder sister. He's always hiding from her!
He saved my sister many times yet he insists that we keep her in the dark about it. Although she doesn't know anything, towards brother Dasheng, she has always been quietly...
The world of adults is so troublesome! I want to become strong quickly. That way I'll have nothing to fear. I want to protect my sister and you, Xingshan!
Woah...
Xiao Yu! You're adorable! I like you!
Yeah? Even I think I'm adorable too! I like myself a lot!
...KIDS THESE DAYS ARE GETTING INCREASINGLY ADVANCED
HERE, A BAG FOR EACH OF YOU. KEEP IT CLOSE AT ALL TIMES.
XIAOXIAO, WHAT'S INSIDE?
SOME SILVER, A DAGGER, AND A TOKEN BEARING THE TEN THOUSAND FLOWERS VALLEY INSIGNIA.
THEY'LL COME HANDY IF YOU EVER GET SEPARATED. REMEMBER, DON'T DRINK FROM UNKNOWN SOURCES OF WATER. IF ANYONE ASKS FOR YOUR NAMES, LIE. STICK TO CROWDED PLACES AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, AND LOOK FOR THOSE WEARING UNIFORMS FROM THE MAJOR SECTS....
...XIAOXIAO, YOU SEEM SHARPER WHEN BROTHER QIUBAO'S NOT AROUND...
HAA? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BEFORE MEETING QIUBAO, I TRAVELED A LOT BY MYSELF TO GATHER INSPIRATION. UNLIKE THAT FOOL, I'D BEEN TAKING GREAT CARE OF MYSELF!
EVERY GIRL HAS TO KNOW HOW TO FEND FOR HERSELF. EVERYONE LIVES WELL BY THEMSELVES BEFORE MEETING THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
OH... WHAT HAPPENS AFTER?
...AFTER MEETING, I GUESS YOU BECOME A FRUMPY MOTHER-LIKE PERSON LIKE I AM NOW. ALL RIGHT, GO TO SLEEP, ALL OF YOU!
HUUUUU——
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Woof.
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Woof!
—AIYAH WHAT A SHAME! IN THE MONTHS DURING WHICH WE BARRICADED SUIYANG CITY, I SWUNG BY THIS TOWN OFTEN FOR A DRINK.
OVER HERE LIVED A PRETTY YOUNG LASS. EVERY DAY, SHE'D HEAD TO THE TOWN SQUARE TO GET GROCERIES...
SHE ALWAYS SMELLED OF INK AND HERBS. IT WAS A FRAGRANCE TO REMEMBER! YESTERDAY, I THOUGHT OF SPIRITING HER AWAY AMONGST THE CHAOS...
...HMM? WHY IS THERE AN INTRUDER?!
WHO ARE YOU?! SPEAK!